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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Montgomery County Reports 339 New COVID-19 Cases and One Death Over Seven Days A Total Number of 12,934 Cases and 837 Deaths Were Reported

Norristown, PA (October 20, 2020) – Montgomery County officials and the Office of Public Health (OPH) today reported COVID-19 test results and deaths for the seven days from October 14 to October 20, 2020. Three hundred thirty-nine (October 14: 44, October 15: 45, October 16: 51, October 17: 59, October 18: 33, October 19: 40, October 20: 67) additional individuals tested positive for coronavirus, and one individual died of COVID-19, bringing the countywide total to 12,934 cases and 837¹ deaths. Five of the new cases are in long-term care facilities. None of the reported positive COVID-19 cases resulted from antibody testing.

"Like many other parts of the Commonwealth, Montgomery County continues to see an increase in confirmed positive COVID-19 cases," said Dr. Valerie A. Arkoosh, Chair, Montgomery County Board of Commissioners. "This increase is partially due to more individuals being tested, which we strongly encourage, but also serves as a reminder that as the weather gets cooler, we are likely to see increased transmission in our community. We must all continue to take common-sense steps to minimize the spread of this very contagious virus. Please wear a mask when near non-household contacts, avoid social gatherings, fully cooperate if you receive a call from a contact tracer, and download the COVID Alert PA app onto your phone. Working together, we will continue to suppress the spread of COVID-19 in Montgomery County."

The individual who died of COVID-19 did not reside in a long-term care facility.

The 339 positive individuals are from 50 municipalities. Sixty-two municipalities have been affected. A breakdown of today's reported cases follows:

Age Range: 1 - 91

Gender: 167 females, 168 males, 4 unknown

The next update on COVID-19 cases and mitigation efforts will be on Wednesday, October 21, at 3 p.m., via a press briefing which will be streamed live on Montgomery County's Facebook page.

There are several no-cost **COVID-19 community testing sites** located throughout Montgomery County for all ages. No prescription is required. These self-administered tests are by appointment only, do not require a vehicle, are available for individuals who live or work in Montgomery County, and want or need to be tested. **The sites are outdoors and are subject to closure on short notice due to inclement weather. Please check weather**

forecasts and the <u>COVID-19 Data Hub</u> for weather-related updates. To register for testing, visit <u>www.montcopa.org/COVID-19</u>, and select County Testing Information or call 610.970.2937 on the date of the intended appointment.

Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. on Monday through Friday and will remain open until all slots are filled and as long as testing supplies allow.

Ardmore – 114 W. Lancaster Ave., Ardmore, PA. Testing is available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 2 p.m.

Green Lane – Deep Creek and Snyder Roads, Green Lane, PA. Testing is available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 2 p.m.

Lansdale – 421 W. Main St., Lansdale, PA. Testing is available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 2 p.m.

Norristown – Delaware Valley Community Health Center at the Norristown Regional Health Center at 1401 Dekalb St., Norristown, PA.. Testing is available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon, and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Pottstown – Montgomery County Office of Public Health, 364 King St., Pottstown, PA. Testing is available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from noon to 2 p.m., and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Willow Grove –First Baptist Church - Crestmont, 1678 Fairview Ave., Willow Grove, PA. Testing is available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from noon to 2 p.m., and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

While the above locations will be closed on Saturday and Sunday, information on **additional testing sites**, many of which operate over the weekend, can be found at www.montcopa.org/COVID-19 under the County Testing Information button.

COVID-19 contact tracing efforts are ongoing and are critical to slowing the spread of the disease. The County has partnered with ACLAMO, Family Services of Montgomery County, Montgomery County OIC, and Visiting Nurses Association Community Services to help with contact tracing efforts. Individuals who have been tested or identified as a direct contact of an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 and has received a call from the 'Results Center' or any of our community partners may return the call to 610.278.5923 to find out their results or status. All information discussed on the call is strictly confidential and is only used to trace COVID-19 cases.

The COVID-19 outbreak continues to be a rapidly evolving situation. Please visit the Montco COVID-19 Data Hub at www.montcopa.org/covid-19 to get the latest news, geographic and demographic information, and updates.

 $^{^{1}}$ Death case data has been updated to reflect the correction of an earlier incorrectly reported death.

Montgomery County COVID-19 Weekly Report - October 14, 2020 through October 20, 2020

		Case Type			Age Distribution									G	Genders			
Date	Cases	Community	LTC	Other Congregate*	Unknown	Range**	Average**	0-19	20-39	40-59	62-09	66-08	100+	Unknown	Male	Female	Unknown	Municipalities Affected
Wednesday 10/14	44	44	0	0	0	1-78	39.2	8	17	11	8	0	0	0	21	22	1	21
Thursday 10/15	45	45	0	0	0	3-85	40.1	8	14	17	5	1	0	0	26	18	1	27
Friday 10/16	51	50	1	0	0	2-82	35.8	11	21	10	8	1	0	0	19	30	2	22
Saturday 10/17	59	58	0	1	0	7-89	42.2	5	20	26	5	3	0	0	28	31	0	29
Sunday 10/18	33	32	1	0	0	1-78	33.1	8	12	11	2	0	0	0	20	13	0	21
Monday 10/19	40	39	1	0	0	2-89	35.1	9	17	10	3	1	0	0	20	20	0	21
Tuesday 10/20	67	65	2	0	0	1-91	44.8	7	21	24	10	5	0	0	34	33	0	26
Weekly Total	339	333	5	1	0	1-91	39.4	56	122	109	41	11	0	0	168	167	4	50
Previous Week	329	319	4	6	0	1-89	37.0	61	135	85	42	6	0	0	165	163	1	51
Difference	+10	+14	+1	-5	-	N/A	+2.4	-5	-13	+24	-1	+5	-	-	+3	+4	+3	-1
Overall Total	12934	9868	2522	541	3	1-110	48.0	1387	3912	3528	2503	1575	27	2	6128	6760	46	62

^{*}Other Congregate includes the Montgomery County Correctional Facility (MCCF), State Correctional Institution – Phoenix (SCI-Phoenix), Norristown State Hospital, behavioral health facilities, and other congregate living settings that do not meet the definition of Long Term Care (LTC) facilities.

^{**}Ages less than 1 are listed as 1 for the purposes of the age range and average age.

			Genders		Location of Death				Race Information						
Date	Deaths	Age Range	Male	Female	Hospital	LTC	Residence / Other	Unknown	Asian	Asian Indian	Asian Korean	Black	White	Unknown***	
Wednesday 10/14	0	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	
Thursday 10/15	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Friday 10/16	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Saturday 10/17	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Sunday 10/18	0	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Monday 10/19	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Tuesday 10/20	1	86	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
Weekly Total	1	86	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
Previous Week	1	88	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Difference	-	N/A	-	-	+1	-1	-	-	-	-	-	+1	-1	-	
Overall Total	837	36-104	392	445		N	I/A	18	3	3	104	334	375		

^{***}Race not provided by Coroner's Office.